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Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 15, 2006

In reply to the Office Action of December 18, 2006, applicants submit the following remarks. Claims 2-21 are pending, with claim 2 being independent.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 15-21 recite allowable subject matter. However, in view of the comments below, applicants believe that all of the pending claims are allowable.

Content of Specification

There do not appear to be any objections to the Specification. Upon review of the specification, applicant notes that it complies with the requirements provided at Pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action.

Claim Objections

Claim 2 has been objected to for allegedly being confusing. The Examiner asks "how the positioning element is insertable in the interior of the first part" and wonders if "the first part is an accommodating sleeve 46, the accommodating sleeve 46 is claimed again in claim 14." Applicant requests withdrawal of this objection because claim 2 recites that the positioning element is insertable in the interior of the first part and claim 14 recites that the positioning element is at least partially inserted in an accommodating sleeve of the first part. Thus, the accommodating sleeve is a part of the first part and there is nothing in the claims that would require that the first part be the accommodating part.